

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the Claims as shown below:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a sender client configured to send a location message comprising a recipient address, a handle to a media file, a preview of the media file, and a copyright indication for the media file;

a receiver client; and

a server configured to receive the location message from the sender client and to send the location message to the receiver client that corresponds with the recipient address;

wherein the receiver client is configured to receive the location message from the server, to check for a connection to the sender client on which to receive the media file upon receiving the location message, and to access the media file from the sender client.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the sender client is selected from a personal video recorder, a personal computer, a workstation, a video camcorder and a personal digital assistant.

3. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the receiver client is selected from a personal video recorder, a personal computer, a workstation, a video camcorder and a personal digital assistant.

4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the server is selected from a personal video recorder, a personal computer, a workstation, an application service provider and a remote server accessed via an internet.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the location message further comprises information selected from a title of the media file, a date stamp of the media file, a time stamp of the media file and at least one text field.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the recipient address is of a type selected from a user identifier (ID) on said server, an Internet domain name of said server, an Internet Protocol (IP) address, an e-mail address, a user identifier (ID) on a local network, a client identifier (ID) on a local network and a client address on a bus.

7. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the media file is stored and transferred in a format selected from a format compatible with one of the Motion Picture Expert Group (MPEG) standards, MPEG-2, and MP3.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein:
the sender client is further configured to use a protocol to send the location message to the server; and
the server is further configured to use the protocol to receive the location message;
wherein the protocol is selected from video mail input output (VMIO) transfer and control protocols, a protocol based Post Office Protocol 3 (POP3), a protocol based on a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), and a protocol based on a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein:
the server is further configured to use a protocol to send the location message to the receiver client; and
the recipient client is further configured to use the protocol to receive the location message; and
the protocol is selected from video mail input output (VMIO) transfer and control protocols, a protocol based Post Office Protocol 3 (POP3), a protocol based on a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), and a protocol based on a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the server is further configured to check for a connection to the receiver client, and to send the location message when the check finds that the connection is active.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein:
the receiver client is further configured to notify the server when the receiver client is available to receive the location message; and
~~the server is further configured to send the location message in response to the server receiving the notification that the receiver client is available.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~claim 4~~ claim 11, wherein ~~the receiver client is further configured to, upon receipt of the location message, to check for a connection to the sender client on which to receive the media file.;~~
the server is further configured to send the location message in response to the server receiving the notification that the receiver client is available.

13. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a connection from the sender client to the receiver client upon which the transfer of the media file occurs, the connection being selected from an Internet-based connection, a connection based on a Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and a connection based on a User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

14. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a connection from the sender client to the server upon which the location message is transferred, the connection being selected from an Internet-based

connection, a connection based on a Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and a connection based on a User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

a connection from the receiver client to the server upon which the notification is transferred, the connection being selected from an Internet-based connection, a connection based on a Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and a connection based on a User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

16. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a sender client coupled to send a location message comprising a recipient address, a handle to a media file, a preview of the media file, and a title of the media file;

a receiver client; and

a server coupled to receive the location message from the sender client and for sending the location message to the receiver client that corresponds with the recipient address;

wherein the receiver client is coupled to receive the location message from the server, to check for a connection to a peer receiver client on which to receive the media file upon receipt of the location message, and to access the media file from the peer receiver client.

17. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the sender client is selected from a personal video recorder, a personal computer, a workstation, a video camcorder and a personal digital assistant.

18. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the receiver client is selected from a personal video recorder, a personal computer, a workstation, a video camcorder and a personal digital assistant.

19. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the server is selected from a personal video recorder, a personal computer, a workstation, an application service provider and a remote server accessed via an internet.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the location message further comprises information selected from a date stamp of the media file, a time stamp of the media file, a copyright indication for the media file and at least one text field.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16 wherein the recipient address is of a type selected from a user identifier (ID) on said server, an Internet domain name of said server, an Internet Protocol (IP) address, an e-mail address, a user identifier (ID) on a local network a client identifier (ID) on a local network and a client address on a bus.

22. (original) The system of claim 16 wherein the media file is stored and transferred in a format selected from a format compatible with one of the Motion Picture Expert Group (MPEG) standards, MPEG-2, and MP3.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein:
the sender client is further configured to use a protocol to send the location message to the server; and
the server is further a configured to receive the location message according to the protocol;
wherein the protocol is selected from video mail input output (VMIO) transfer and control protocols, a protocol based Post Office Protocol 3 (POP3), a protocol based on a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), and a protocol based on a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein:
the server is further configured to use a protocol for sending the location message to the receiver client;
the receiver client is further configured to use the protocol to receive the location message; and
the protocol is selected from video mail input output (VMIO) transfer and control protocols, a protocol based Post Office Protocol 3 (POP3), a protocol based on a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), and a protocol based on a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the server is further configured to check for a connection to the receiver client, and to send the location message when the check finds that the connection is active.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16, wherein:
the receiver client is further configured to notify the server when the receiver client is available to receive the location message; and
~~the server is further configured to send the location message in response to the server receiving the notification that the receiver client is available.~~

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~16~~ 26, wherein ~~the receiver client is further configured to, upon receipt of the location message, to check for a connection to the peer receiver client on which to receive the media file;~~

the server is further configured to send the location message in response to the server receiving the notification that the receiver client is available.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising:
a connection from the peer receiver client to the receiver client upon which the transfer of the media file occurs, the connection being selected from selected from an Internet-based connection, a connection based on a Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and a connection based on a User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising:
a connection from the sender client to the server upon which the location message is transferred, the connection being selected from an Internet-based connection, a connection based on a Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and a connection based on a User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, further comprising:
a connection from the receiver client to the server upon which the notification is transferred, the connection being selected from an Internet-based communication, a communication based on a Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and a communication channel based on a User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

31. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
sending a location message from a sender client to a server, the location message comprising a recipient address, a handle for a media file, a preview of the media file, and a copyright indication for the media file;
sending the location message from the server to a receiver client that corresponds with the recipient address;
checking, upon receipt of the location message at the receiver client, for a connection from the receiver client to the sender client on which to access the media file;

if none is found, checking for a connection to the peer receiver client on which to access the media file; and

accessing the media file from a source selected from the sender client and a peer receiver client.

32. (original) The method of claim 31, wherein the sender client is selected from a personal video recorder, a personal computer, a workstation, a video camcorder and a personal digital assistant.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the receiver client is selected from a personal video recorder, a personal computer, a workstation, a video camcorder and a personal digital assistant.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the server selected from a personal video recorder, a personal computer, a workstation, an application service provider and a remote server accessed via the Internet.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the location message further comprises information selected from a title of the media file, a date stamp of the media file, a time stamp of the media file and at least one text field.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the recipient address is of a type selected from a user identifier (ID) on said server, an Internet

domain name of said server, an Internet Protocol (IP) address, an e-mail address, a user identifier (ID) on a local network a client identifier (ID) on a local network and a client address on a bus.

37. (original) The method of claim 31 wherein the media file is stored and transferred in a format selected from a format compatible with one of the Motion Picture Expert Group (MPEG) standards, MPEG-2, and MP3.

38. (original) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
using a protocol to provide the location message, the protocol is selected from video mail input output (VMIO) transfer and control protocols, a protocol based Post Office Protocol 3 (POP3), a protocol based on a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), and a protocol based on a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
checking for a connection to the receiver client; and
sending the location message when the checking finds that the connection is active.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
notifying the server when the receiver client is able to receive the location message; and
~~— sending the location message in response to receiving the notification.~~

41. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 31~~ claim 40, further comprising:
~~checking, upon receipt of the location message at the receiver client, for a~~
~~connection from the receiver client to the sender client on which to access the media~~
~~file; and~~
~~if none is found, checking for a connection to the peer receiver client on which to~~
~~access the media file~~
sending the location message in response to receiving the notification.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
accessing the media file from the sender client via a method selected from an
Internet-based communication method, a communication method based on a Hypertext
Transfer Protocol (HTTP) or File Transfer Protocol (FTP).

43. (original) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
delivering the location message via a method selected from an Internet-based
communication method, a communication method based on a Transmission Control
Protocol / Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and a communication method based on a User
Datagram Protocol (UDP).